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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report, based on information available from this source as of 14 March 58, is one of a series on senior military intelligence and KGB officers in East Germany.

II. BACKGROUND

2. Full Name: ~~X Georgii Karpovich TSINEV~~

Rank: Major General

Assignment: Chief, KGB Third (CI) Directorate (HQ POTSDAM); FBN 39 335

Date of Birth: Estimated between 1900 - 1905.

Party Status: There is no information available from source on TSINEV's exact party status, but TSINEV remarked that on 22 Nov 55 he would be busy in POTSDAM with the elections to the Party Committee. See note (1).

Residence in USSR: The 1954 MOSCOW telephone directory (but not the 1951 Edition) lists G. K. TSINEV, D-7 1674, 109 Leningradskaya Shosse. Source confirmed that this telephone number was still valid for TSINEV at the end of March 1956.

3. Wife's Name: Lidiya Matveevna

Children's Names: Daughter: Dina Georgievna. Source gives no evidence of any other children.

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Note (1)

A discussion on 9 Aug 55 between Capt A. I. PANOV, KGB CI Officer at ROSTOCK, and Maj I. K. GAIDASH, KGB CI Dept, HQ, 2 GMA, also brought up TSINEV's name with possible party implications. PANOV said that "a certain man", who was secretary of the Party organisation and who held certain documents, was on leave. GAIDASH replied that an authorisation for forwarding "that information" had been given. PANOV then said that he had written to his chief at ROSTOCK, as to how he should deal with the secretary. GAIDASH replied, however, that it was not necessary to write to the chief; he should write direct to TSINEV "and have all your material set out, with a copy for us".

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III. MOVEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

4. TSINEV departed on leave on 30 Aug 55, flying to MOSCOW from SCHOENEFELD Airfield shortly before 1700 hrs. He spent part of his leave with his wife at the "FABRITSIUS" Services' Sanatorium or Rest Home in SOCHI, returning without her on or about the 19 October. Maj Gen V. Z. CHERTOV, Chief of the Medical Department, GSFG told an officer in the Main Military-Medical Directorate in MOSCOW, that TSINEV would receive his passes in MOSCOW for "FABRITSIUS" in SOCHI dated 4 September. On his return TSINEV said that he was most impressed by the place, a statement with which his friend, Col V. I. KONOVALOV agreed.

5. On 21 Oct 55 TSINEV telephoned Col (later Maj Gen) N. R. MIRONOV, of KGB Third Main Directorate, MOSCOW, who was staying with his wife at the "Imperial Sanatorium" in KARLOVY VARY (KARLSBAD), Czechoslovakia. MIRONOV wished to make a trip to the DDR and visit the border town of BRAMBACH (a leave centre in Bezirk KARL-MARX-STADT) and KARL-MARX-STADT. TSINEV arranged to send an officer to KARLOVY VARY to escort MIRONOV and agreed to meet him personally at BRAMBACH on 23 October.

6. Hints of a future official trip by TSINEV to MOSCOW to attend a conference were contained in various conversations he had with his daughter in March 1956, but source was unable to confirm that the projected visit took place. TSINEV mentioned to her on 4 Mar 56 that the opening of a six-day conference originally scheduled for 10 March had been postponed to the 20th, and he would arrive on that day. On 17 March TSINEV told his daughter that it would be hard to say when he and her mother would be returning to MOSCOW; it was supposed to have been before the 20th but that obviously was not going to happen. On 28 March TSINEV, still not having left East Germany, said that her mother was to return to MOSCOW soon and he would probably accompany her. Although TSINEV intended to take his wife with him, there is no evidence to connect her trip - or TSINEV's, for that matter - with the then current rumours of his possible transfer to MOSCOW (see paras 15-17). The fact that his wife intended to return to MOSCOW anyway is supported by her remark that she would be leaving for MOSCOW in April, but was not sure exactly when it would be.

7. With one exception, nothing is known about TSINEV's attendance at public functions other than the official receptions given in BERLIN to celebrate the October Revolution and Red Army Day. From his own statement, however, he did attend the opening of the "Soviet-German Friendship Month" on 29 Oct 55. He told his wife that "our head of the cultural delegation" had spoken, as well as an academician from LENINGRAD whom the TSINEVs knew and who particularly remembered her.

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IV. CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY

8. His personal qualities placed TSINEV in a favourable light, both as a family man and a commanding officer. He was affectionate and kind as a husband and father, was evidently popular among his colleagues, and appeared to have a reputation as a sympathetic and approachable chief. TSINEV never raised his voice, and he exhibited patience, self-control and an occasional sense of humour.

9. TSINEV's efficiency in the handling of KGB affairs is less easy to assess from source material; although his energy is not in doubt. That he could be strict when the occasion demanded and that he made his presence felt throughout the directorate, as a man wishing personally to be kept informed, are implied by the frequency with which his name was mentioned by subordinates in connection with individual cases. Examples of his personal interest in the various facets of directorate activities are given below.

10. TSINEV frequently exerted his influence to further the interests of his family, such as in his fairly prodigal use of the KGB duty officer in MOSCOW for helping with family affairs and providing transport (see also Para 24).

11. TSINEV's apparent willingness to help his subordinates and friends was reflected in a discussion between TSINEV's deputy, Col E. P. SAZONOV, and the latter's wife Nina on the subject of their son's failure to pass a college entrance examination. Nina suggested to SAZONOV that someone should be approached about permission for their son to take the examination again: "Ask TSINEV for advice", she said, "He may know someone. He may let you fly home yourself to do it." At a later date, after SAZONOV's return to the USSR from Germany, TSINEV telephoned Nina in Moscow for further information on the new appointment for her husband; it was revealed that he (TSINEV) had rung "there" (presumably the Third Main Directorate) and they had "sounded encouraging".

12. Maj P. DRUZHIKOV, HQ, KGB Third Directorate, also mentioned TSINEV to his wife Yulya in connection with his application for a compassionate posting to KIEV. He had received full backing from TSINEV, who had said: "I entirely agree - you can hand over and leave tomorrow as far as I am concerned"; TSINEV had then given orders for a testimonial and an advance of pay to be issued to DRUZHIKOV.

13. During a conversation in Feb 56 with his friend Col V. I. KONOVALOV, TSINEV sympathized with him for not having had a reply from MOSCOW (possibly about a new appointment). He added that he would probably be going to MOSCOW in March and could raise the question. KONOVALOV thought that if TSINEV could put in a word for him there, they would grant his request.

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14. After her first six weeks in POTSDAM, TSINEV's wife complained to their daughter that TSINEV was never at home, day or night - "He just dashes in and then dashes right out again". This tends to reflect the general impression gained from source material as a whole that TSINEV has a capacity for hard work. His forcefulness and his personal participation in individual cases reflected by the numerous instances in which subordinate officers were called upon to make personal reports on the progress of their sometimes minor investigations.

V. OTHER PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

15. Career:

Rumours of TSINEV's possible transfer from POTSDAM were in circulation at least as early as January 1956. MIRONOV's wife in MOSCOW mentioned to TSINEV that she had heard in an indirect way that TSINEV might be coming to MOSCOW. TSINEV replied that nothing was certain, and there had been many rumours; MIRONOV himself had told him that they were getting things ready there for him (TSINEV). Discussions had been going on for so many months that he really did not attach much significance to them.

16. The next intimation was volunteered by TSINEV himself during a telephone conversation on 9 Feb 56 with an unidentified friend, apparently a high-ranking KGB officer. TSINEV stated that there had been much talk about the possibility of having to change his type of work. However, he continued, there was nothing official, and he did not know how the question would be decided. The unidentified officer said that he had talked with DROZDOV (u/i) "there". At this point TSINEV said that one should not discuss things too much (on the telephone) and quickly changed the subject.

17. TIKHONOV (fmu; probably KGB, MOSCOW) told TSINEV's daughter on 19 February that TSINEV was due in MOSCOW "long ago" and he had expected to find him there. A certain Leonid Il'ich (smu) stated, about the same time, that TSINEV was supposed to have been in MOSCOW by then. In reply to the last supposition, TSINEV said to his daughter: "Who knows? There has been nothing official for me." His daughter countered that Leonid Il'ich had said he was making every effort to bring this about.

18. TSINEV was traced by source as still being in POTSDAM on 17 Apr 56.

Comment: Collateral traces on TSINEV's career prior to the period covered by source are as follows :

1949 - Assistant Deputy Commandant, Allied Control Commission, VIENNA, and Chief of the Economic Division; said to have been a baker by trade; see Para.20.
1954 - Arrived in East Germany as Chief of the Directorate for Special Units, KGB, GSFG.

19. Education and Accent:

Source provides no information on TSINEV's educational background other than that he speaks with the voice of an educated man and has a

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Great-Russian accent. There are some grounds for believing that he may have a Ukrainian background, either by reason of birth or past residence. This is based on references to "my fellow countrymen", and on talk of a reunion in the same context (See Paras. 35 and 42-44).

VI. DETAILS REGARDING FAMILY

20. TSINEV's wife, Lidiya Matveevna, flew from MOSCOW on 24 Nov 55 to join her husband in POTSDAM. According to her own opinion, TSINEV should have considered himself lucky since, a few days earlier, she informed him that she "might come out to POTSDAM after the holiday" but he did not "deserve to be visited by me so often". Possibly an ailing but certainly a complaining woman, she did not always respond to TSINEV's kindness and patience towards her. She regarded his intention of going to see the KIEV Dynamo football team on its visit to the DDR as camouflage for something that would make her "jealous if she knew the truth". Then referring to an incident that had occurred when they were in VIENNA, she made it quite clear that she suspected him of clandestine love affairs.

21. There is no evidence provided by source to mitigate the conclusion that Lidiya TSINEVA is a rather tedious woman concerned mainly with family affairs and creature comforts.

22. TSINEV's daughter Dina, born in 1933, studied legal psychiatry and passed her examinations in 1955. In December 1955 she was working in the office of the MOSCOW Public Prosecutor where, she informed her parents, she had a lot of work. "Interesting things are going on in court", she observed, but they could not be discussed on the telephone.

23. Dina flew to Germany on 24 Jan 56 to spend a holiday with her parents in POTSDAM, returning by air on 14 February.

24. In February 1956 Dina was disappointed to hear that she had not been admitted to the "International Faculty" where she wanted to take a course on "The Governmental Structure of India". She told her friend Alla LAPTEVA, of MOSCOW, that she was going to petition about it. She did in fact receive from one Elena Arkadevna (snu; u/i) a promise of help with her appeal to the faculty.

25. Dina is probably an only child and is close to her parents. She received much affection from them and returned this in full. She also leaned heavily on her father's influence for facilities and favours, as demonstrated by her use of KGB transport for getting to and from MOSCOW airport, TSINEV's instructions to the KGB duty officer on arrangements for her flight to Germany, efforts on TSINEV's part to get her a ticket for a Kremlin ball, and his arrangements for her to get help with her law diploma thesis.

26. An added spur to Dina's wish to attend the Kremlin New Year's Ball was probably the fact that her friend Galochka KUZMINA was going to sing at the concert there. Dina spent New Year's Eve 1955 at a party held in Flat 18, House 6, Nemirowicha-Danchenko Street, which was Galochka's flat before her marriage, and currently occupied by her grandmother.

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VII. FRIENDS AND CONTACTS

27. The exact relationships between TSINEV and many of his acquaintances cannot be assessed with accuracy from source material. If the mutual intimacy of speech is used as a criterion then it can be concluded that KONOVALOV, OSIPOV and POKROVSKAYA come closest in friendship among those known to source. But in general all of TSINEV's friends also identified themselves as friends of the family, so that the distinction between those of a purely social nature and those based more on a professional relationship was not always apparent. One or two friendships outside the service were probably attributable to TSINEV's daughter, and there is some evidence to show that service friends included a circle with Ukrainian attachments, if not of Ukrainian origin. Friends and contacts are given below in alphabetical order, and included, where available, are the indications from source material on the possible basis for the friendship.

28. G. M. AKOPOV

On 31 Dec 55 TSINEV asked B. S. ALEKSEIKO for the full name and telephone number of AKOPOV, First Secretary, Soviet Embassy, BERLIN. On receiving the information that his first names were Grant Minasovich TSINEV rang AKOPOV and they exchanged New Year greetings. There are no further details from source to explain this action.

29. B. S. ALEKSEIKO

Boris Sergeevich ALEKSEIKO, head of the Soviet Export Film office in BERLIN, and his wife Natalia Dmitrievna were included among the family acquaintances. TSINEV was in frequent contact with ALEKSEIKO, or his wife when the latter was on leave.

30. One one occasion Natalia told TSINEV that her husband would be meeting TSINEV's family on Red Square on 7 November, adding that it was Boris's first home leave for five years.

31. ALEKSEIKO arrived back from a visit to BONN on 15 March and informed TSINEV that he was returning to BONN on 16 or 17 March for a further three days. This second visit was confirmed by his wife when talking to TSINEV on 19 or 20 March.

32. ALEKSEIKO was also host to A. E. OSIPOV, an intimate friend of TSINEV, who came to the DDR in connection with the HANOVER Fair. Source material suggests that TSINEV's friendship with ALEKSEIKO was more utilitarian than social, inasmuch as he generally had a request to make or required information when contacting him. In their conversations only TSINEV used the familiar form of address.

33. V. I. KONOVALOV

Col Vladimir Ivanovich KONOVALOV, chief of a military intelligence detachment in BERLIN, invited TSINEV to a party on 6 Nov 55 to celebrate his "25 years in the army", and on 31 December he contacted TSINEV to give New Year greetings. In the latter case KONOVALOV explained that he was on leave and TSINEV might not have found him in had he left it to TSINEV to greet him first. In both instances the manner of their conversation left no doubt that they were old and intimate friends. First names and patronymics were used but only TSINEV used the familiar form of speech.

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34. S. G. LAPIN ✓

In February 1956 TSINEV successfully enlisted Sergei Georgievich LAPIN's aid in connection with a diploma thesis for his daughter Dina. According to TSINEV, LAPIN promised to give as much help as possible. When discussing the matter with Dina, TSINEV said that LAPIN's wife's name was Evgeniya and he thought her patronymic was Konstantinova although he was not sure. Later, Dina said she had also contacted LAPIN, on telephone number D-7 1332, and had been invited to visit him.

Comment: The 1954 MOSCOW telephone directory lists S. G. LAPIN, Tel. No. D-7 1332 at 15 Novopeschanaya Ulitsa. His name does not appear in the 1954 directory.

35. N. R. MIRONOV ✓

Nikolai Romanovich MIRONOV, a KGB officer with possible Ukrainian origins, appears to be closely acquainted with TSINEV, although there is no evidence that this goes beyond a service friendship, strengthened by possible common origins. In January 1956 TSINEV took an interest in MIRONOV's promotion to Major General and his re-assignment to LENINGRAD from the KGB Third Main Directorate. (Earlier TSINEV's deputy had referred to MIRONOV as "my Moscow chief".) MIRONOV's wife, Raisa Afanas'evna, stated that she had not wanted a transfer at all but, if it had to be, she would rather have been nearer the Ukraine than further away from it. TSINEV comforted her by saying that he thought it would probably be only temporary - for no more than two years. He added his congratulations on MIRONOV's promotion. Both MIRONOV and TSINEV use the formal form of speech when addressing each other.

36. A. E. OSIPOV ✓

A clear case of intimate friendship was revealed when Anatolii Efimovich OSIPOV arrived in BERLIN on or about the 24 Feb 56. OSIPOV and TSINEV greeted each other as old friends, both using the familiar style of speech. OSIPOV announced that he had come for the LEIPZIG Fair "to trade with the capitalist countries", and he would be staying with ALEKSEIKO. On that same night and on a subsequent occasion TSINEV arranged for OSIPOV to stay with him. Upon OSIPOV's return to MOSCOW on 20 March TSINEV asked him to deliver a package to his daughter Dina and to kiss Nadezhda Dominikovna (not necessarily OSIPOV's wife) for him.

37. M. PARFINA (nee BARSKAYA) ✓

Source material reveals that a friend of TSINEV's daughter, Maya BARSKAYA, married a Vladimir PARTIN on 4 March 56. She told TSINEV and his wife on 17 March that she had arrived in MOSCOW the day before with her husband whom she would be seeing off to VLADIVOSTOK. She would return home to MINSK in order to finish her studies by June, and she would then be going to VLADIVOSTOK to join her husband. She hoped she might see the TSINEV's in MOSCOW on her way through.

38. V. A. POKROVSKAYA ✓

Source firmly identified Vera Aleksandrovna POKROVSKAYA who lived in MOSCOW, as a good friend of the TSINEV family. TSINEV and

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his wife made periodic telephone calls to her Moscow Tel.No. E-6 7467 (formerly E-2 7467). Further details of her family and circumstances are not known, but when TSINEV's daughter told her mother that Vera had been crying when last she contacted her, the mother remarked that "it is difficult for them" and prompted TSINEV into telephoning Vera.

39. N. A. SHCHELOKOV

Nikolai Anisimovich SHCHELOKOV, probably KGB, was mentioned by TSINEV's daughter as having called at their flat in MOSCOW twice during March 1956. The first occasion he expected to find TSINEV there for the Party Congress, for which he had come himself. He sent greetings to TSINEV via the daughter. TSINEV had already enquired of an unidentified acquaintance as to whether SHCHELOKOV was expected to come to MOSCOW for the Congress.

40. SOLODOVNIKOV (fmu)

On 12 Nov 55 TSINEV told his wife that at a reception he had met Comrade SOLODOVNIKOV with whom he had previously worked. SOLODOVNIKOV had later become Director of the Bolshoi Theatre and "was now Director of the MOSCOW Arts Theatre". TSINEV continued: "He remembers me -- so we can use a little pull there if necessary".

41. TIKHONOV (fmu)

TSINEV's daughter told him on 19 Feb 56 that the TIKHONOV's had called at their MOSCOW flat and asked that TSINEV telephone them. They had said that TSINEV was due in MOSCOW long ago and they had been sure he would be there. TSINEV had been told by his wife on 6 Nov 55 that TIKHONOV "has not rung". This appeared to be in connection with the general contacting of friends to mark the celebration of the October Revolution.

42. Leonid Il'ich (smu)

Friends with a possible Ukrainian background included a Leonid Il'ich, apparently a KGB officer of equal or superior rank to TSINEV, who was stationed outside MOSCOW during the period covered by source.

43. His first appearance in source material was in February 1956 when Leonid Il'ich was said by an unidentified acquaintance of TSINEV to have stated that he was coming to MOSCOW (presumably for the 20th Party Congress) and to have suggested that "all the fellow-countrymen" should have a big get-together. This specifically included TSINEV and MIRONOV. TSINEV told the unidentified person that he could not be in MOSCOW at the time of the Congress but asked that his greetings should be given to all his "fellow-countrymen", if they had not forgotten him.

44. Further mention of Leonid Il'ich was made by TSINEV's daughter, who told her father, by telephone from MOSCOW, that he had sent some apples through Serezha (u/i). On 2 Mar 56 she again talked to her father and said she had heard indirectly that Leonid Il'ich had stated he was making every effort to bring about TSINEV's transfer to MOSCOW (See Para 17). On 21 Jan 56 TSINEV had asked whether "anyone from Leonid Il'ich's side" was in MOSCOW at that time.

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